

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AWARDING OF NELP-III BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of NELP-I and NELP-II;
- (b) the reasons ONGC has not achieved result till now from NELP-I&II;
- (c) the beneficiaries of NELP-III, II and I; and
- (d) the plan of the department to tackle oil resource and requirement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) Government of India has signed Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) with various companies/consortia for 24 blocks under NELP-I and for 23 blocks under NELP-II. Exploration work in these blocks is in progress in terms of the PSCs.

(b) Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) is carrying out exploration activities in the blocks awarded to it as per work commitment in PSCs. Results of the exploration activities will be known only after the exploratory drilling is taken up by ONGC based on geo-scientific survey results.

(c) Following companies, either solely or as consortium member, have been awarded exploration blocks under NELP-I, II and III :-

- Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.
- Oil India Ltd.
- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.
- Gas Authority of India Ltd.
- Reliance Industries Ltd.
- Hardy Exploration & Production (India) Inc.
- Niko Resources Ltd.
- Gujarat State Petroleum Company Ltd.
- Joshi Technologies Inc.
- Cairn Energy India (Pty) Ltd.
- OAO Gazprom
- Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Ltd.
- Mosbacher India LLC
- Energy Equity (India) Pty. Ltd.
- Geo Global Resources Inc.
- Jubilant Enpro (India) Ltd.

(d) Government has made sustained efforts to accelerate and expand the exploration of oil and gas in the country. Government has signed 47 PSCs with various companies/consortia in NELP-I and NELP-II. Further, 23 blocks have been awarded under NELP-III. The process of identifying and offering areas to explore oil and gas is an ongoing process with a view to increase exploration. Steps have also been taken to increase production of oil by applying Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) and Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) schemes. In order to supplement the domestic efforts, steps have also been taken to secure equity oil and gas from abroad.